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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims**

## 1.-12. Cancelled

13. (Previously Presented) An all-terrain vehicle support bracket comprising at least one frame assembly configured to be removably attachable to a portion of an all-terrain vehicle; wherein the at least one frame assembly includes a support surface thereon configured to support an object positioned on the support surface.

## 14. (Cancelled)

- 15. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 13, further comprising a plurality of frame assemblies configured to be removably attachable to a respective portion of an all-terrain vehicle; wherein each of the plurality of frame assemblies includes a support surface thereon configured to support an object positioned on the support surface.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 15, wherein the plurality of frame assemblies is a pair of tubular frame assemblies that are substantially identical in structure.

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17. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 13, wherein the at

least one frame assembly comprises an elongated main leg member, an extension member

positioned on a first end of the elongated main leg member, an upper arm member positioned

on a second end of the elongated main leg member and a retaining member configured to

contact the portion of the all-terrain vehicle and attach the support bracket thereto.

18. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 17, wherein at least

a portion of at least one of the elongated main leg member and the extension member

comprise the support surface for supporting the object.

19. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 17, wherein the

extension member is a substantially V-shaped extension member.

20. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 17, wherein the

retaining member is a plurality of arms extending substantially horizontally from the upper

arm member, thereby providing a substantially horizontally retaining member.

21. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 17, wherein the

main leg member includes a curved, lower end forming a threaded cusp, the threaded cusp is

configured to threadedly receive the extension member, and wherein the main leg member

further includes an upper end having an eye affixed thereto, and wherein the eye provides a

receiving loop for removable attachment of a securement strap.

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22. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 21, wherein the

extension member has a lower end defining complementary threads for threadedly engaging

the threaded cusp, and wherein the extension member further includes an eye affixed thereto,

and wherein said eye provides a receiving loop for removable attachment of a securement

strap.

23. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 21, wherein the

upper arm member extends perpendicularly from the main leg member in a direction opposite

to the threaded cusp, the upper arm member bifurcates into two laterally opposed retainment

arms in a perpendicular manner so as to generally form a T-shaped member.

24. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 23, wherein the

laterally opposed retainment arms are directed orthogonally below a first inner cross member

and a second inner cross member of a front all-terrain vehicle horizontal frame member of the

traditional all-terrain vehicle, and wherein an upper circumferential surface of each of the

laterally opposed retainment arms mechanically impinge against a lower circumferential

surface of the first inner cross member and the second inner cross member.

25. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 23, wherein the

laterally opposed retainment arms are directed orthogonally below a plurality of cross

members of a rear all-terrain vehicle horizontal frame member, the cross members

functioning as brace members, and wherein an upper circumferential surface of each of the

laterally opposed retainment arms mechanically impinge against a lower circumferential

surface of the plurality of cross members.

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26. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 21, wherein at least

a portion of the support surface is formed upon threaded attachment of the extension member

to the threaded cusp.

27. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 21, wherein the

main leg member has a rear, external circumferential sidewall which rests against an upper

surface of a vertical member of the front all-terrain vehicle horizontal frame member.

28. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 21, wherein the

main leg member has a rear, external circumferential sidewall which rests against an upper

surface of a generally rectangularly-shaped support member of a rear all-terrain horizontal

frame member.

29. (Currently Amended) The support bracket of claim 17, wherein the

extension member is available can be made in a plurality of sizes comprising various lengths,

thereby allowing for the support bracket to accommodate a variable load capacity.

30. (Previously Presented) The support bracket of claim 13, wherein the

frame assembly is designed and configured so as to rest in an angular plane, which allows for

total tire clearance when an all-terrain vehicle tire is facing forward as well as when the tire is

turned, after attachment of the frame assembly to the all-terrain vehicle.

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